

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 13-15 are pending. Claims 8-12, directed to non-elected species, have been canceled.

In response to the restriction requirement in the office the action mailed May 3, 2002, in the above-referenced application, Applicants have elected claims 1-7 and 13-15 corresponding to Species 1 without traverse. The non-elected claims 8-12 of Species 2 are canceled without prejudice to filing of divisional applications directed thereto.

Finally, it is brought to the Examiner's attention that a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) submitting 18 additional references was recently mailed on May 24, 2002. The Examiner may wish to receive these references before issuing a first office action on the merits of this case.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at 650 326-2400 x5423 in the event that a telephone conference would be of value in expediting prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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